

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated May 16, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 10-15 and 17 are rejected by the Examiner. With this response, claims 11, 13 and 15 have been amended, and claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new material has been added.

Accordingly, claims 10-15 are currently pending in this application with claims 1-9 having been withdrawn in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Publication No. 2001/0013920 (hereinafter "Hashimoto"), in view of United States Patent No. 5,292,368 (hereinafter "Komine") and Japanese Patent No. 2001-235758 (hereinafter "Shinoda"). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Komine and Shinoda, as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Japanese Patent No. 2001-356353 (hereinafter "Hachiman"). Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Komine and Shinoda, as applied to claim 13 above, and further in view of Japanese Patent No. 61-055625 (hereinafter "Yamamoto"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 11 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 11 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "loading a substrate having a plurality of image display parts onto the first table; forming a first plurality of seal patterns along outer edges of a first plurality of image display parts by using the syringes; loading the substrate having the first plurality of seal patterns onto the second table; forming a second plurality of seal patterns along outer edges of a second plurality of image display parts by using the syringes; loading the substrate having the first and second plurality of seal patterns onto the third table; forming a third plurality of seal patterns along outer edges of a third plurality of image display parts by using the syringes; and independently driving the first, second and third tables along a convey path of the substrate". None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggestions at least the

aforementioned features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 and claims 10 and 12, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 13 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 13 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “independently driving the first and second tables along a convey path of the substrate”. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggestions at least the aforementioned feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 and claim 14, which depends from claim 13, are allowable over the cited references.

On pages 5-6 of the Office Action, claim 12, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Komine and Shinoda, as applied to claim 13 above, and further in view of United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0083203 (hereinafter “Hashimoto”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and reconsideration is requested.

Because Hashimoto (‘203) fails to cure the deficient teachings of Hashimoto (‘920) in view of Komine and Shinoda as discussed above, claim 12, which depends from claim 11, is allowable over the cited references.

Claim 15 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 15 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “independently driving the first, second and third tables along a convey path of the substrate”. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggestions at least the aforementioned feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 is allowable over the cited references.

On pages 6-7 of the Office Action, claims 10-12 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16-25 of copending Application No. 10/825,362 in view of Komine and Shinoda. Claims 13-15 and 17 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16-25 of copending Application No. 10/825,362 in view of Komine, Shinoda and Japanese Patent No. 2001-330840 (hereinafter “Ogino”). Applicant respectfully submits that in view of amendments in claims 11, 13 and 15, these provisional double patenting rejections are believed to be moot.

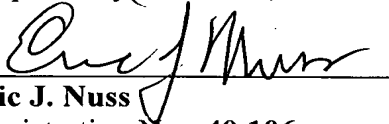
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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